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TWO GO TO THE GALLOWS; THIRD REPRIEVED

GARCIA AS COMRADES MEET DEATH UNFOLDS TALE OF TRIPLE MURDER

CONFESSES HE KILLED KUNANE GIRL AT KOHALA

Reprieve is Granted Man Sentenced to Die for Honokaa Murder When He Makes Known Guilt of Crime for Which Another is Now Serving a Sentence of Life Imprisonment

CLAD in the soft shirt and street suit that he was to have gone to his death in this morning on the gallows, Antonio Garcia, alias Antonio Garcia, granted a second temporary reprieve by the governor from sentence of hanging for the murder of a Japanese plantation man at Honokaa Mill, Hawaii, today unfolded a bloody tale that brands him as a triple murderer.

Balahadia, or Garcia as he is known in the records of court and prison, related through an interpreter the details of the killing of Harriet Kunane, whose murder in the autumn of 1915 stirred the territory as few crimes have ever done and resulted in the trial and conviction, on evidence almost entirely circumstantial, of Jose Belneuva, another Filipino.

Garcia's reprieve was granted this morning by the governor upon a plea made by Attorney General L. M. Stainback and Attorney General I. M. Stainback. He was to have been hanged this morning with the other two Filipinos who went to their death today.

Resisting that the hour of his death was but a brief span off, Garcia last evening called for Sheriff Jarrett, telling him that he had a confession to make. The sheriff ascertained the nature of it and sent at once for Attorney Stainback. Upon the statements made by the condemned man the attorney recommended a temporary stay of execution. Today following the hanging of Bonella and Verver, the confession was taken in detail.

Present at the scene were Attorney Stainback, Sheriff Jarrett, Alfred Ocampo, police interpreter; another Filipino interpreter from among the prisoners at the penitentiary, the attorney general's stenographer and a

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RAW SUGAR TO BE APPORTIONED AMONG REFINERS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireline.) NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 25.—A tentative agreement has been reached by the committee of American Sugar Refiners which bids fair, in their estimation, to solve the acute sugar situation in the Eastern states.

Announcement was made today on behalf of the refiners of an agreement, subject to approval by the international sugar committee now being organized, whereby all raw sugar will be apportioned among the different refineries in the country, with the result, the committee states, that many idle refineries would be opened up and the output speeded up very considerably.

SATURDAY STAR-BULLETIN FEATURES

- Of special interest to BUSINESS MEN of the territory is a summary of the new Income Tax provisions and War Revenue Bill by Claude I. Parker of Los Angeles, Export, former U. S. collector. A SPECIAL ARTICLE prepared by a local financial expert will discuss the new war revenue bill from the particular standpoint of Hawaii—how it affects plantation capital and individuals. TREND of the local money market toward mainland offerings. HAWAII'S TRAINING CAMP at Schofield: News and Pictures. Trenches and Bomb-throwing. THE CONGRESSMEN who are coming on a visit soon. Who they are, and their pictures. Live News from Every Field.

Chief Points In Confession

That he killed Harriet Kunane, Kohala school girl, on Oct. 9, 1915, instead of Jose Belneuva, now serving life sentence for the crime in Oahu prison. Declares that Belneuva is in no way implicated in the crime.

That he killed Gabriel, a Filipino rival for the hand of Simona Morales, in Sampaloc district, Manila, on the night of February 12, 1911. Blow was struck over the head with a four-pound hammer. That he is the Filipino known as Antonio that police sought for in the Kunane trial at Kailua, not as the perpetrator of the crime but as a valuable witness, Jose having said that he had borrowed a shirt from a man by that name. That his real name is not Antonio Garcia but Antonio Balahadia, and that he went by this name but that he changed it to the alias after the murder. That at Kohala at one of the Filipino gay celebrations he was elected president of ceremonies and delivered one of the orations there.

FILIPINO PAIR COURAGEOUSLY GO TO DEATH

Pair Who Confessed Shooting and Stabbing of Japanese Storekeeper Expiate Crime; Trap is Sprung Without Warning, Hurling Both Men Into Eternity—Necks Broken

GABRIEL VERVER, who did the stabbing, and Florencio Bonella, the shooting, were hanged this morning in the prison yard at Oahu penitentiary in payment for the murder of T. Hayashibara, a Japanese storekeeper, one night last August at Kaneohe village.

Delayed from the hour of 8 o'clock set for the execution—a delay made necessary by a governmental reprieve for Antonio Garcia—the hanging was not effected until shortly before 10 o'clock. It was exactly 51 and one-half minutes after 9 o'clock that Sheriff Jarrett signalled by electric buzzer for the three guards to press the buttons which dashed the men into eternity.

Sixteen minutes later Bonella was declared dead by Dr. R. W. Benz and Dr. R. G. Ayer, officiating surgeons, while Verver's heart continued to beat a minute longer. The necks of both men were broken by the fall.

Both the prisoners and the spectators, seemed today stronger of nerve for he stood upright while the prison guards fastened the leather bands about his arms and legs and until the floor dropped beneath him.

Verver, who had stabbed his victim, crumpled at the last moment when the noose was being tied over the black cap that covered him, and would have sunk on his knees to the platform.

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DOOMED MEN FRET AS HOUR FOR EXECUTION IS DELAYED

Gabriel and Florencio Go Calmly Enough to Gallows But Former Faints When Noose is Placed Around His Neck—Latter Sheds Tear as Death Warrant is Read

"GOODBY you all. I am sorry. Please excuse me for all trouble I have caused for you." Spoken in a firm voice that betrayed no quiver of muscle or nervousness of mind, Florencio Bonella, co-murderer with Gabriel Verver of the Japanese storekeeper, Hayashibara at Kaneohe, last August, uttered these words through an interpreter this morning at 9:45 o'clock—his last breath on earth. The straps were then placed around his arms and chest, his knees and ankles and eight minutes later he swung into eternity—in final payment for his share in the brutal murder.

Both Florencio and Gabriel went gamely to their death. The stolidity with which they met their fate aroused comments of surprise from even the prison attaches of the territorial jail whose softer sentiments have been blunted by constant contact with the hardened scenes of life and immediate association with similar executions.

Shaking hands with the six other members of "death row," Florencio and Gabriel submitted calmly to what was on the part of others, a trying duty—the tying of the death straps about the bodies of the condemned men. Then led by High Sheriff Jarrett and their spiritual adviser, Father Valentin, the doomed men marched bravely, aided by prison guards on either side of them, the few feet through the prison walls to the gallows erected in the prison courtyard where were gathered some 100 spectators and officials.

Only once did either man falter. Florencio, following the reading of the death warrant by Sheriff Jarrett and its interpretation through him, gave way to emotion as he was led back into his cell to spend his last five minutes on earth. As he stood with folded arms, hearing through the thin bars of his cell the words of condemnation for his comrade, Gabriel, as pronounced by Sheriff Jarrett, a tear welled into his eyes and flowed down his cheek. Seemingly as if ashamed, at being guilty of a display of sentiment, he raised a prison towel and brusquely brushed the tear aside. Then resuming his normal stolidity he stood with folded arms during the reading of the warrant.

Gabriel, on the other hand, faltered only at the very last. Not a word had he uttered, not an indication of weakness had escaped him; through all the painful proceedings preceding the execution he had maintained an air of indifference to the fate that hung over him. But with the black cap over his head and as the executioners were adjusting the noose about his neck he collapsed in a semi-faint. He never had time to recover. In a second or two the trap was sprung and his body, floating willow-like under the force of the drop, oscillated to and fro beneath the gallows.

Tense indeed were the hours of last night and early morning in the lives of the two condemned men. But while an inward nervousness gripped their souls, not an outward glew of their mental perturbation was manifest. Stretched on their hard beds

Self-Confessed Triple Murderer



ANTONIO GARCIA

HUGE EXPLOSIONS IN CANADA PLANT

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireline.) MONTREAL, Canada, Oct. 24.—Tremendous explosions took place today in the plant of the Canadian Explosives company at Vaudreuil, near this city, doing an immense damage.

Starting in one of the shops, a series of explosions continued for an hour. At the first concussion many employees rushed away from the plant, and to this is largely attributed the fact that so far no loss of life has been reported, though the damage will reach \$1,600,000. (No reason for the explosions has been assigned. The plant had a large amount of explosive-making under way.)

They dozed at intervals; slept soundly during short periods and in their waking moments puffed contentedly at their cigarettes.

And this morning as the first rays of dawn pierced the mantle of night,

(Continued on page three) Elizabeth K. Alohiika has filed in the circuit court a suit to quiet title to 9490 square feet of land in Liliha street. H. H. Webb and one other are named as respondents.

Another Foe For Berlin; Brazil Now

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireline.) RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Oct. 26.—The Brazilian chamber of deputies by a vote of 149 to 1 today declared that a state of war exists between Germany and Brazil.

LATE NEWS

ITALIAN CABINET QUILTS ROME, Italy, Oct. 26.—Premier Bonelli announced tonight that the Italian cabinet has resigned.

HUN PLOTTERS BUSY IN LATIN-AMERICA

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 25.—John Barrett, head of the Pan-American bureau, declares today that German propagandists had arranged to spend a million dollars in newspaper publicity in eight Latin-American countries in the event of the failure of the second Liberty Loan to come up to full expectations. They would exploit the statement that the United States was wavering and the Germans sure to win, and that it would be unwise for Pan-American countries to break with the Germans.

OFFICERS PROMOTED

Captain Lawrence M. Judd, Machine Gun company, 1st Hawaiian Infantry, and 1st Lieutenant D. L. Mackaye, Company D, 1st Hawaiian Infantry, are promoted to rank of major and captain respectively through orders issued from headquarters today. Sergeant Joseph H. Worrall, Machine Gun company, is made a second lieutenant and assigned to the same regiment.

RESERVISTS CALLED TO DUTY

Cabled orders received today from Washington by Gen. Wisser, Hawaiian department commander, call to active service Capt. George W. Armitage and Capt. Richard Bolton, quartermaster officers' reserve corps. Both men are connected with the local office. Capt. Armitage being engineer in the constructing department and Capt. Bolton in charge of transportation. They will be assigned to this department as assistants to the department quartermaster.

STEPS ON U. S. FLAG; LECTURED BY COURT

Because he stepped on an American flag after a playmate had dared him to, a boy was before Juvenile Judge Heen this afternoon and, as Probation Officer Leal puts it, "got the lecturing of his young life." The boy, after promising never to step on the Stars and Stripes again, was placed on probation. The affair happened at the Central Grammar school.

GEIER OFFICER ARRESTED AS ESCAPED ENEMY

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Jacob von Horn, an ex-officer from the German naval vessel Geier, has been arrested here and interned at Ellis Island.

Nothing could be learned locally of von Horn this afternoon. Inquired to establish that any officer named von Horn had been on the Geier while that vessel was here. Two officers, Lieuts. Sauerbeck and Pretzell, were supposed to have broken their parole and escaped on the coast, after arriving on the coast in November, 1914.

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE BULLETIN

The Hour of America's Opportunity and Privilege Strikes

"I summon you to a great duty, a great privilege, a shining dignity and distinction. I shall expect every man who is not a slacker to be at my side throughout this great enterprise. In it no man can win honor who thinks of himself."—President Wilson.

How can you serve yourself and your country better than by responding to the call of our great leader? How can you hesitate to buy? Don't ask yourself "How much can I spare?" Say "How much can I raise?" Buy till the pinch of buying brings to your heart the glow of a good deed done. If you have one Bond, buy another, and sell two more bonds to two other good Americans.

BUY AT ONCE! The Campaign ends at NOON TOMORROW.

Matson Line Heads Named; Roth Manager

E. D. Tenney Elected President But Unable to Devote Time to Shipping Business

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireline.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 26.—William P. Roth, secretary of the Matson Navigation company and son-in-law of the late Captain William Matson, was elected vice president and general manager of the Matson line today at the reorganization following Captain Matson's death.

Edward D. Tenney of Honolulu was elected president but will not be able, it was announced, to give his entire time to the affairs of the company in view of his other important business interests. A. C. Dierick was named assistant general manager, A. C. Green, director, F. A. Bailey, secretary, and A. M. McCarthy, treasurer.

It was said today at the office of Castle & Cooke, agency for the Matson line, that the A. C. Green referred to is probably Charles E. Green of the Crocker National Bank. The others mentioned are already actively associated with the Matson shipping interests. Mr. Dierick, new assistant general manager, visited Honolulu last July and is thoroughly familiar with the local situation.

William P. Roth is a "Honolulu boy." He was in the stock brokerage business here until his marriage with Miss Emma Roth, son and his connection with the Matson firm, upon which he moved to San Francisco, where he has since resided.

LOAN TOTAL GOES OVER \$6,788,000

With the announcement at noon today that Alexander & Baldwin, C. Brewer & Co., and their plantations had subscribed direct to the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco but had placed the credit with Hawaii, the sum of \$1,577,500, the grand total for Hawaii's subscription to the second Liberty Loan reached \$6,788,750.

The civilian committee at noon had collected \$3,944,750 from 4045 subscribers, while the army closed its campaign today with \$1,266,500. Nearly seven millions will be credited to Hawaii when the campaign closes at 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

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The civilian committee had collected a total of \$3,944,750 at noon today, from 4845 subscribers. The army totals were reported as \$1,266,500. The campaign for second Liberty Loan subscriptions ends officially at noon tomorrow. At 12 o'clock, the executive committee will telegraph the results of Hawaii's patriotism to the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco.

Hawaii's authorized quota, set by the treasury officials, was \$3,000,000 but when the campaign workers began to pile up the subscriptions so rapidly, the executive committee set the new mark at five million dollars. With less than twelve working hours before the campaign is officially ended, the sales agents are redoubting their efforts to collect an additional \$250,000.

"Seven million by tomorrow noon" (Continued on Page Two.)

FRENCH WIN SERIES OF VICTORIES IN FLANDERS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireline.) PARIS, France, Oct. 25.—French soldiers won a series of important successes today in the Flanders fighting. They took the village of Draebank. The German positions in Papegoed wood and several fortified farms. During the day hundreds of German prisoners were made by the French forces.

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30,000 ITALIAN CAPTIVES; HAIG WINS RAPIDLY

Two Attacks Launched North and East of Ypres; French Give Fine Aid; Russians on North Front Advance Further Without Finding Germans

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireline.) BRITISH FRONT in France, Oct. 26.—General Haig's forces, smashing steadily at the weakening German army, swept further forward today.

The British commander launched two stiff attacks, north and east of Ypres. With the aid of the French, who responded to the call with spirit and dash, the armies made excellent headway on a wide front.

LONDON, Eng., Oct. 26.—The British have entered a number of "pillboxes" or concrete shelters previously held by the Germans on the Bellevue spur. The British have also captured Poelderhook chateau, Flanders.

BERLIN, Germany, Oct. 26.—Armies of the Central Powers have won a signal victory on the Italian front.

The Austro-Germans have captured 30,000 Italians and three hundred guns in the battling over the plateaus and approaches to Trieste. Fighting is now partly in Italian territory.

The northern wing of the second Italian army has been defeated and is retiring.

The Germans have thrown Italians from strong hill positions. The Italians are evacuating Bainsizza and the Heiligengeist-plateau. They are unable to save their guns.

In the face of a French attack at Pinion the Germans have withdrawn behind the Olseau-Aisne canal. Near Chavignon a French attempt to cross the lowlands was repulsed.

ROME, Italy, Oct. 26.—The Italians, facing the defeat sustained from the reinforced Austro-German forces on the Isonzo front, are planning the evacuation of Bainsizza.

Recent maps do not give the location of Bainsizza but it is evidently part of the advanced territory taken by the Italians in the Isonzo campaign and around which there has been severe fighting for several days.

RUSSIAN FORCES AGAIN FAIL TO FIND GERMANS (Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireline.) PETROGRAD, Russia, Oct. 26.—Again today the Russian forces on the northern end of the front advanced along the Riga-Orel railway without finding any Germans.

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